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SUBJECT: SWISS REACTIONS TO EVENTS IN SPAIN

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1. SWISS REACTIONS TO EVENTS IN SPAIN HAVE MODERATED
CONSIDERABLY SINCE INITIAL OUTBURST. THERE WERE NO
FURTHER DEMONSTRATIONS IN PAST WEEK. ONE MINUTE WORK
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STOPPAGE IN MEMORY OF EXECUTED SPANIARDS, WHICH SWISS

TRADE UNION FEDERATION CALLED FOR, LARGELY FLOPPED;
ONLY SOME PUBLIC SERVICE UNIONS TOOK PART IN THIS PRO-
TEST.

2. WHILE SOME SWISS PAPERS CONTINUE TO APPLAUD RECALL
OF SWISS AMBASSADOR FROM MADRID, OTHER PAPERS ARE NOW
QUESTIONING WHETHER GOS DID NOT DEPART FROM TRADITIONAL
EVEN-HANDED POLICY IN RECALLING AMBASSADOR OVER EXECU-
TIONS WHEN IT REMAINS SILENT OVER GREATER OUTRAGES IN
EASTERN EUROPE. THIS MORNING'S NEUE ZURCHER ZEITUNG
DOUBTED THAT WESTERN EUROPE REACTIONS WILL HAVE THE
INTENDED EFFECT OF CONTRIBUTING TO A MODERATION OF THE
POLITICAL CLIMATE IN SPAIN.

3. PRESIDENT (AND FOREIGN MINISTER) PIERRE GRABER IN
TV INTERVIEW EXPRESSED "GREAT CONCERN" ABOUT THE ANNOUNCE-
MENT OF ADDITIONAL TRIALS IN SPAIN "UNDER MORE THAN
QUESTIONABLE CONDITIONS."

4. GRABER REPORTEDLY STIPULATED THAT NO QUESTIONS BE
RAISED ABOUT A POSSIBLE ARMS EXPORT EMBARGO TO SPAIN,
WHICH SOME GROUPS HAVE DEMANDED. SPAIN IS CURRENTLY
SWITZERLAND'S THIRD LARGEST ARMS EXPORT MARKET. THE
ISSUE IS PROBABLY UNDER DISCUSSION IN THE GOVERNMENT.

5. GRABER STRESSED IN THE TV INTERVIEW THAT AMBASSADOR
CAMPICHE HAD ONLY BEEN RECALLED FOR NECESSARY CONSULTA-
TIONS AND THAT NO DIPLOMATIC BREAK WITH SPAIN WAS
INTENDED. THE FOREIGN OFFICE INFORMED US THAT THE
AMBASSADOR WOULD PROBABLY RETURN TO MADRID IN THE COURSE
OF THIS WEEK. OUR SOURCE ASSUMED THAT MOST OF THE OTHER
WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WOULD ALSO RETURN THEIR AMBAS-
SADORS TO MADRID AT THIS TIME.
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